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SUBJECT: DECLARATION ON COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT

1. U.S. SUGGESTED DURING JUNE 20 QUADRILATERAL THE POSSIBILITY OF A DECLARATION ON COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT THAT MIGHT BE INCORPORATED IN JULY 15 MTN PACKAGE. OTHER PARTICIPANTS EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO EXPLORE THIS POSSIBILITY.

2. THE DOMESTIC AEROSPACE INDUSTRY IS ENCOURAGING SUCH A DECLARATION TO ADDRESS ITS CONCERNS REGARDING TRADE DISTORTIONS (GOVERNMENT-DIRECTED PROCUREMENTS, OFFSET REQUIREMENTS, EXPORT CREDITS, AND GOVERNMENT FINANCING) IN THE POST-MTN PERIOD. GEORGE PRILL OF LOCKHEED, WHO CHAIRS THE AEROSPACE ISAC, HAS PROMOTED HIS IDEAS WITH A NUMBER OF PRIVATE FIRMS IN GERMANY, FRANCE, AND THE UK AND REPORTS A GENERALLY FAVORABLE RESPONSE. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST REGARDING TRADE DISTORTIONS IN THE COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT SECTOR IS ALSO INCREASING AS A RESULT OF SALES OF THE AIRBUS TO U.S. AIRLINES.

3. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO FOLLOW UP SUGGESTION MADE AT JUNE 20 US-EC-JAPAN-CANADA MEETING TO SEE IF THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT IDEA MIGHT BE ENDORSED IN THE CONTEXT

OF THE MTN PACKAGE. IN LIGHT OF SHORT TIME FRAME ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD SEEK HOST GOVERNMENT REACTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. IN MAKING APPROACH, YOU SHOULD DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING AS ISSUES THAT SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN ANY SUCH DECLARATION:

- DUTY ELIMINATION ON AIRCRAFT AND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING AVIONICS AND PARTS THEREOF. (FYI. WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT THE EC WOULD SEEK REMOVAL OF 50 PERCENT U.S. DUTY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPOSED ON AIRCRAFT REPAIRS. THIS WOULD REQUIRE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WHICH WILL BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. END FYI.)

- GOVERNMENT ACTION DIRECTING NATIONAL AIRLINES AND NATIONAL AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURERS TO PROCURE AIRCRAFT AND EQUIPMENT FROM NATIONAL SOURCES.

- GOVERNMENT POLICIES THAT MANDATE INDUSTRIAL COMPENSATION, OFFSET PROCUREMENT, CO-PRODUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AS A CONDITION OF PURCHASE FROM A FOREIGN COMPANY.

- EXPORT CREDITS OR OTHER FINANCING ATTENDANT TO THE SALE OF COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT.

- CERTIFICATION RULES AND STANDARDS THAT OPERATE TO RESTRICT THE SALE OF AIRCRAFT.

- GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT, MANUFACTURE AND MARKETING OF COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT. VANCE

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